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(c) Four police officials and fifty others died.

(d) The loss is estimated at over one crore of rupees.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: The Hon. the Chief Minister said that the Government were aware of the causes. What are the causes, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I presume the hon. Member wants to know the causes of the trouble that arose. The causes were that there were certain people who wanted to create all this trouble.

DR. H. V. HANDE: How many died in the district of Salem?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not have separate figures.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is it a fact that the disturbances arose on account of the fact that the students felt that their future was not safe on account of the Hindi imposition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is not so.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Were the troops put into action?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Troops were called in and they were in action in only one place in the State.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: In how many cases was compensation for loss of life given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no information with me. The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Visit of pilgrims to Srirangam and Tiruvanaikoil

* 75 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that a very large number of pilgrims visit Srirangam and Tiruvanaikoil; and

(b) if so, the facilities provided for those pilgrims such as accommodation, etc., by the temple authorities or the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) Generally, the pilgrims are not used to stay at night times at these places and they go away to the other pilgrim centres by night trains. It is reported that Srirangam Devasthanam is running a Guest House from 1st June 1964 and it is proposed to convert this building into a pilgrim choultry soon. The Devasthanam has also proposed to construct a pilgrim shed in South Uthira Street, Srirangam and also to construct cottages for

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the stay of pilgrims. It is reported that the authorities of Tiruvanaikoil temple are not able to provide amenities for the accommodation of pilgrims, as the temple is not financially in a position to construct and maintain choultries for pilgrims.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: In view of the policy of the Hindu Religious Endowments Department that if the financial position of a temple is not sound, funds and other resources may be diverted to it, will the Government decide the question of building a chatram or a Tourist House at Tiruvanaikoil also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is not the policy of the Endowments Department that funds from certain institutions should be diverted to other institutions for ordinary maintenance. There is no doubt need for choultries. I would suggest to the hon. Member to take some interest, and raise some contributions. Then the Devasthanam would take interest and construct a choultry.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is it not a fact that from various temples moneys are given even for sundry items to several temples? Why not have a Tourist Home at Tiruvanaikoil? I understand it is the duty of the public. Why not the Government also do something by giving gracious grants and see that some choultries are built in Tiruvanaikoil?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Contributions from certain other institutions which can afford are permitted for renovation of the temple, and for this very Tiruvanaikoil temple, there is an estimate for about Rs. 10 lakhs and renovation work is in progress, as the hon. Member is aware. For this purpose contributions have been permitted from certain other religious institutions.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the collections from the new ticket system for worship in the Srirangam temple being utilized for providing amenities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is not any new ticket system. During certain hours for a certain method of worship, there is some levy. Otherwise, there is free worship every day. There are hours—longer hours—when free worship is allowed for all pilgrims.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Government consider the question of constructing a '*Suttrula*' at Srirangam?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Government have no such idea.

Electrical sub-station at Kurinjibadi.

* 76 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Electrical Sub-station No. 3 at Kurinjibadi was put up.